

# **Veterans' Affairs Committee**

Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. City Attorney's Large Conference Room City Hall, 255 W. Alameda, Tucson, Arizona

# **Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes Approved: March 11, 2015**

#### 1. Call to Order/Establish a Quorum

Meeting called to order by Chairman Torres at 6:00 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present: Representing:

Bob Slocum, Vice Chairman Military Order of the Purple Heart

Murray Baker Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201
Terry Byron (in at 6:12 p.m.) Marine Corps League, Marana Nighthawk

Samantha Bivens American Red Cross

C.W. Hall

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 4

Norman Ross

Arizona Korean War Veterans Association

Ed Torres, Chairman Missing in America Project

Valerie Davis AMVETS Post 770
William Burks DAV Cactus Chapter 2

Bruce Hamilton Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans
Gerald Petersen Military Officers Association of America

Steven Walker American Legion Post 7
Phyllis Russell Esperanza En Escalante

Dan Ross Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106

Paul Marsh Tucson Veterans Cemetery Group
Carol Rundell Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary

Absent:

John Rio Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201

**Staff Members Present:** 

Donna DeLeon City Clerk's Office, Recording Secretary

Others Present:

Bettie Baker Spouse of Murray Baker
Bob Brubaker Office of Senator Jeff Flake

## 2. Pledge of Allegiance

#### 3. Invocation

The invocation was given by Committee Member Baker.

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#### 4. Introduction of Guests

Bettie Baker, spouse of Murray Baker and Bob Brubaker, Office of Senator Jeff Flake were acknowledged.

## 5. Approval of Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from January 14, 2015

It was moved by Committee Member N. Ross, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 16 to 0 (Committee Member Rio absent/excused) to approve the Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from the January 14, 2015 meeting.

## 6. Treasurer's Report

This item was taken out of order and was considered after agenda item number 8.

## 7. Consideration / Approval of New Members

There were no new members for consideration.

#### 8. Committee Reports

## a. Airport Military Lounge

No report was given.

#### b. Southern Arizona VA Health Care System

No report was given.

## c. Tucson Veterans Cemetery

Report was given by Committee Member Marsh. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

## 6. Treasurer's Report

This item was taken out of order. Report was given by Committee Member Byron, a handout was distributed, and discussion was held. It was moved by Committee Member Baker, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 16 to 0 (Committee Member Rio absent/excused) to accept the Financial Report.

#### 9. Four Chaplains Ceremony

A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

#### 10. Operation Exodus

No report was given.

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## 11. Nomination and Election of Secretary for 2015

Nomination for 2015 Secretary was Samantha Bivens.

It was moved by Vice Chairman Slocum, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 16 to 0 (Committee Member Rio absent/excused) to elect Samantha Bivens as Secretary.

# 12. Report on Current Events: For the Good of the Order

Reports regarding various upcoming events were provided by Chairman Torres, and Committee Members Hamilton, Byron, N. Ross, Hall, D. Ross and Bob Brubaker. Handouts were distributed. No formal action was taken.

## 13. Future Agenda Items

• Lizette Eckerman from American Legion Post 7 to speak on Veterans Day Parade

#### 14. Salute to Colors

## 15. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.